COLORADO AGRICULTURE

A PROFILE



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Total Land Area	66,300,000 Acres
Cropland Area	10,509,000 Acres
Irrigated Area	3,430,000 Acres
Number of Farms & Ranches	29,000
Land in Farms & Ranches	31,600,000 Acres
Avg. Size of Farm & Ranch	1,090 Acres

OPERATIONS BY TYPE	OPERATIONS BY TENURE		
82% Individual	58% Full Owners		
10% Partnership	30% Part Owners		
7% Corporate	12% Tenants		
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OPERATIONS BY SIZE

Size of Operation (Acres)	Farms % of Total	Land in Farms % of Total
1 - 99	38.1	1.1
100 - 499	27.7	6.0
500 - 999	10.7	6.6
1,000 - 1,999	9.7	11.7
2,000 or more	<u>13.8</u>	<u>74.6</u>
All Operations	100.0	100.0

OPERATIONS BY ECONOMIC SALES - 2000

Sales	No. of Farms	% of Total	Land in Farms	% of Total
Class	No.	%	1,000 Acres	%
\$1,000 - \$9,999	14,000	48.3	3,800	12.0
\$10,000 - \$99,999	10,100	34.8	10,200	32.3
\$100,000 & over	4,900	16.9	17,600	55.7
TOTAL	29,000	100.0	31,600	100.0

OPERATORS BY AGE GROUP

(Average Age 53.8)

Age of Operator	Percent of Operations
Under 25	1.2
25 to 34	6.0
35 to 44	20.9
45 to 54	26.2
55 to 64	21.3
65 and over	24.4
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^{1/ 1997} Federal Census except number of farms, land in farms, average size of farm and operations by economic class which are 2000 estimates.

NATIONAL RANKING of COLORADO PRODUCTS

Proso Millet 1st
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Carrots 2nd
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Summer Lettuce 3rd Market Sheep and Lambs 3rd
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2000 production data for crops.
 Jan.1, 2001 inventory for cattle and sheep.
 Dec. 1, 2000 inventory for hogs, and poultry.

COLORADO CROP PRODUCTION, 2000

Crop	Acres Hrvstd (1,000)	Yield Per Acre	Unit	Pro- duc- tion (1,000)
Apples	-	-	Lbs.	32,000
Barley	105.0	115.0	Bu.	12,075
Beans, Dry Edible	110.0	18.00	Cwt.	1,980
Cabbage	2.0	470	Cwt.	940
Cantaloupe	1.5	240	Cwt.	360
Carrots	4.1	550	Cwt.	2,255
Cherries, Tart	-	-	Lbs.	900
Corn, Grain	1,180.0	127.0	Bu.	149,860
Corn, Silage	100.0	22.0	Tons	2,200
Hay, Alfalfa	900.0	3.70	Tons	3,330
Hay, Other	500.0	1.50	Tons	750
Lettuce	2.0	340	Cwt.	680
Oats	35.0	63.0	Bu.	2,205
Onions	11.5	355	Cwt.	4,083
Peaches	-	-	Lbs.	19,000
Pears	-	-	Tons	3
Potatoes, Summer	7.9	340	Cwt.	2,686
Potatoes, Fall	75.6	370	Cwt.	27,972
Proso Millet	150.0	19.0	Cwt.	2,850
Sorghum, Grain	210.0	31.0	Bu.	6,510
Sorghum, Silage	12.0	16.0	Tons	192
Spinach	1.4	70	Cwt.	98
Sugar Beets	54.6	21.9	Tons	1,196
Sunflowers: Non-Oil	55.0	980	Lbs.	53,900
Oil	105.0	950	Lbs.	99,750
Sweet Corn	7.7	130	Cwt.	1,001
Wheat, Winter	2,350.0	29.0	Bu.	68,150
Wheat, Spring	46.0	70.0	Bu.	3,220

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COLORADO LIVESTOCK INVENTORIES

Species	Number
All Cattle & Calves, January 1, 2001 All Cows & Heifers that have Calved Beef Cows & Heifers that have Calved Milk Cows & Heifers that have Calved Heifers 500 Pounds and Over For Beef Cow Replacement For Milk Cow Replacement Other Heifers Steers 500 Pounds and Over Bulls 500 Pounds and Over Calves Under 500 Pounds	3,150,000 930,000 840,000 90,000 915,000 140,000 45,000 730,000 1,000,000 50,000 255,000
All Sheep & Lambs, January 1, 2001 Breeding Sheep & Lambs Market Sheep & Lambs	420,000 195,000 225,000
All Hogs & Pigs, December 1, 2000 Breeding Hogs & Pigs Market Hogs & Pigs	840,000 190,000 650,000
All Chickens, December 1, 2000 Total Layers Pullets Other Chickens	4,170,000 3,410,000 601,000 159,000

COLORADO CASH RECEIPTS, 1999 <u>1</u>/

Commodity	Thousand Dollars	Percent of Total
All Commodities	4,353,604	100.00
Livestock Products	3,015,783	69.3
Meat Animals	2.612.368	60.0
Cattle & Calves	2,319,612 188,114	53.3
Hogs & Pigs Sheep & Lambs	188,114 104,642	4.3 2.4
Dairy Products	256,576	5.9
Poultry & Eggs	105,611	2.4
Eggs	48,813	1.1
Other Poultry	56,798	1.3
Other Livestock	41,228	.9
Crops	1,337,821	30.7
Food Grains	233,832 233,753	5.4
Wheat		5.4
Feed Crops	486,129	11.2
Barley Corn	18,118 276,576	.4 6.4
Hay	176,477	4.1
Oats	874	*
Sorghum	14,085	.3
Oil Crops	26,899	.6
Vegetables	311,331	7.2
Beans, Dry Edible Potatoes	45,002 156,165	1.0 3.6
Summer Potatoes	12,488	.3
Fall Potatoes	143,677	3.3
Cabbage	6,955 4,651	3.3 .2 .1 .4 .2 .2 .2 1.1
Cantaloupe	4,651	.1
Carrots Corn, Sweet	17,945 7,826	.4
Lettuce	6,664	.2
Onions	6,664 48,321	1.1
Spinach	3,802	.1
Other Vegetables	14,000	.3
Fruits Apples	8,226 2,797	.2 .1
Peaches	1,855	*
Pears	322	*
Other Fruits	3,252	.1
All Other Crops	271,404	6.2 1.2
Sugar Beets Greenhouse/Nursery	51,649 y 184,756	4.2
Floriculture	74,756	1.7
Other Greenhouse	e 110,000	2.5
Other Crops	34,999	.8

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{*} Less than .05 percent.

FARM SECTOR INDICATORS, 1999

Item	Thousand Dollars
Total Agricultural Sector Output	5,260,079
Final Crop Output	1,380,611
Final Livestock Output	2,993,037
Services and Forestry	634,466
Net Government Transactions	251,965
Total Production Expenses	4,337,174
Intermediate Consumption Outlays	3,277,488
Farm Origin	1,853,067
Feed Purchased	665,503
Livestock & Poultry Purchased Seed Purchased	1,080,808 106,756
Manufactured Inputs	394,409
Fertilizers & Lime	126,242
Pesticides	81.338
Petroleum Fuel and Oils	81,338 114,859
Electricity	71,970
Other Intermediate Expenses	1,030,012
Repair & Maintenance	173,393 91,574
Machine Hire and Custom Work Mktng., Storage, and Transportation	on 135,839
Contract Labor	24,116
Miscellaneous Other	605,090
Factor Payments	740,061
Employee Compensation (Hired Labo	or) 323,254
Net Rent to Non-Operator Landlords	161,755
Real Estate and Nonreal Estate Interes	
Capital Consumption	319,625
Net Farm Income	922,905
Total Farm Assets	23,471,823
	17,971,047
Livestock & Poultry	2,358,733
Machinery & Motor Vehicles	1,470,418
Crops	374,422
Purchased Inputs Financial	75,897 1,221,306
	
Total Farm Debt	3,683,229
Real Estate Debt Nonreal Estate Debt	1,805,827
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Equity	19,788,594
	Percent
Debt/Equity Ratio	18.6
Debt/ Assets Ratio	15.7

■ 1999 Number of Farms = 29,000